Thank you for taking the action to make sure all VRS users to have an equal access to  $\$ 

any kind of VRS.

Since I am president of Chicago Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf, I had a

meeting with City of Chicago in regards to Emergency Preparedness. It was very hard for

me when I was asked which VRS should I give City of Chicago for emergency purpose. I

have no clear where I stand when I made a recommendation but I was nervous whether

or not VRS users be able to be reached through one VRS I chose.

I support the petition to require VRS interoperability because I don't consider its a safe

choice for  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$  chapter with the different ways to call people in general and private on

videophone.

Thanks.

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